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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS ON WARSAW PACT IDEOLOGICAL AGREEMENTS

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SUMMARY. POLADS' JULY 17 DISCUSSION OF WARSAW PACT
IDEOLOGICAL AGREEMENTS CENTERED ON QUESTION WHETHER SOVIET
UNION HAD SIGNED SUCH AGREEMENTS IN 1972 AND 1973, ROMANIA'S
ATTITUDE, AND MOTIVES SOVIETS HAD FOR FOSTERING SUCH
AGREEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. U.S. REP DREW UPON REF A AND PARTICULARLY INQUIRED ABOUT
BASIS FOR FRG STATEMENT THAT USSR HAD SIGNED SECRET IDEOLOGICAL
AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER WP COUNTRIES IN 1972 AND 1973. FRG REP
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SAID HE WOULD ASK BONN. ITALIAN INFORMATION WAS THAT
SOVIETS HAD NOT SIGNED AGREEMENTS IN THIS TIME PERIOD.
UK REP SAID HE HAD LITTLE OR NO INFORMATION. THE BRITISH
HAD RECEIVED SOME INDICATION FROM THE YUGOSLAVS THAT

SOVIETS HAD BEEN PARTY TO SECRET IDEOLOGICAL AGREEMENTS DURING ABOVE TIME PERIOD, BUT YUGOSLAVS WERE INCLINED TO EXAGGERATE BECAUSE OF THEIR FEARS OF A RECONSTITUTED COMINFORM. NETHERLANDS REP, HOWEVER, NOTED AN INCIDENTAL REFERENCE IN THE FEBRUARY 15, 1973 TRIBUNA LUDU TO AN IDEOLOGICAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE USSR AND POLAND: THE NETHERLANDS HAD THE IMPRESSION THE SOVIETS HAD SIGNED OTHER SUCH AGREEMENTS.

2. ITALIAN REP SAID ROMANIANS HAD TOLD ITALIANS THAT THEY HAD REFUSED TO SIGN IDEOLOGICAL AGREEMENTS, FOR ONE REASON BECAUSE OF THE ANTI-CHINESE LINE TAKEN IN THE AGREEMENTS. UK REP HAD INFORMATION, HOWEVER, THAT ROMANIANS WERE WILLING TO DISCUSS INTERNAL AGITPROP AFFAIRS WITH OTHER WP MEMBERS. NETHERLANDS REP DIS NOT SHARE VIEW THAT ROMANIANS AVOIDED IDEOLOGICAL AGREEMENTS BECAUSE OF DISINCLINATION TO OFFEND CHINESE. IT WAS JUST THAT THE ROMANIANS JEALOUSLY GUARDED THEIR INDEPENDENCE.

3. ITALIANS THOUGHT SOVIETS HAD PRESSURED OTHER MEMBERS OF WARSAW PACT TO SIGN AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO SOLIDIFY PARTY SITUATION IN THE DETENTE/CSCE PERIOD AND TO DEFEND AGAINST IDEOLOGICAL CONTAMINATION FROM THE WEST. UK REP AGREED WITH THIS AND WITH PARA 3 OF FRG PAPER (REF B) IN GENERAL. UK THOUGHT "IDEOLOGICAL BELT-TIGHTENING" WAS COUNTERPART TO FURTHER PUSH TOWARD BLOC ECONOMIC INTEGRATION THROUGH CEMA. FRG REP RECALLED JULY 13 SUSLOV SPEECH TO EFFECT THAT FURTHER IDEOLOGICAL UNITY WAS PRECONDITION TO FURTHER PROGRESS IN EAST-WEST INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. RUMSFELD

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